

Paolo Missiroli CV

Introduction

Paolo Missiroli is Adjunct Professor of Theoretical Philosophy at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. He deals with contemporary French philosophy and the question of the Anthropocene, in particular the thought of Maurice Merleau-Ponty and a possible declination of his thought in ecological-political terms; the overall work of Michel Foucault, with particular attention to his thinking after 1978; philosophical anthropology and critical theory.

Education

Paolo Missiroli graduated with honours in Philosophical Sciences from the Alma Mater Studiorum of Bologna. He obtained his PhD from the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa and the Université Paris Nanterre (cotutela) in 2021.

Main research experiences

Paolo Missiroli's work revolves around the question of the Anthropocene as an event at once historical, natural and philosophical. On this topic, on which his research has been going on since 2016, he has published two volumes: a first one, *Teoria Critica dell'Antropocene*, about the current debate on the topic, its stakes and its consequences on the philosophical and political level. A second, *Il posto del negativo*, is a genealogy of the current discussion on the Anthropocene. The conceptual junction of his entire work is the alternative between activity and passivity: in what sense, in the Anthropocene, can the Cartesian distinction (at the basis of much of the debate in question) between an active humanity and a passive natural world continue to be upheld? And if this, as is his view, is no longer possible or sensible, how should this distinction be rethought and what are the practical-political consequences of such a rethinking? In Merleau-Ponty and a whole range of other authors Missiroli tries to find elements to answer this question.

Scientific assignments

He is part of the research group *Officine Filosofiche* (belonging to the philosophy department of the University of Bologna) and is a member of the editorial board of the *Almanac of Philosophy and Politics*. He participates in the activities of the *Sophiapol* research group at the Université Paris Nanterre and in those of the *Humanistic Yard on the Anthropocene* curated by Carla Benedetti.

Teaching assignments

Missiroli has worked as Subject Matter Expert in the History of Contemporary French Philosophy at the Philosophy Department of the University of Bologna, where he has carried out a series of teaching activities (lectures, presentations, seminars) in collaboration with the History of Contemporary French Philosophy chair, and works as a History and Philosophy teacher at high schools. He has been co-rapporteur for several Bachelor's and Master's theses at the Philosophy Department of the University of Bologna.

Other

Missiroli was the winner of the national Di Biase-Laveglia prize for doctoral theses in 2022.